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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

CINCINNATI -- A communication workshop, with a special focus on television and video, will be held here April 8-11. Sponsored by the communication office at the Episcopal Church Center, the workshop begins the evening of April 8 and adjourns at noon on the 11th. Many practical aspects of effective communication -- such as equipment choice and utilization, financial considerations, communications theory, determination of audience -- will be dealt with to enable communicators in local parishes and dioceses to know the essentials of this ministry. This model will be tested in several areas of the country during 1980. Cost of registration, board and room (for three nights) is \$120 per person. Anyone who wishes to attend should send the \$30 registration fee to Diocese of Southern Ohio/Video Workshop, Attention: Worley Rodehaver, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Participation is limited to 25 persons.

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CHICAGO -- Members of the Order of the Holy Cross of the Episcopal Church are now stationed at St. Barnabas Church on Chicago's west side. Because of inflation and fuel inefficient buildings at the Order's West Park, N. Y., monastery, part of the complex has been closed down. The Order accepted an invitation from Bishop James W. Montgomery and Bishop Quintin E. Primo of Chicago to continue their traditional ministry and to serve the congregation of St. Barnabas which had become vacant. Seven members of the Order, including the Superior, the Rev. Connor Lynn, are now residing at St. Barnabas. Members of the Order live under a rule of prayer and service and have houses in the United States and overseas.

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- Anthony Towne, 51, author, satirist and poet, who was indicted in 1970 with William Stringfellow for harboring the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, the anti-war priest, died Jan. 28 following a brief illness. He was a member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church on Block Island. He and Stringfellow co-authored The Death and Life of Bishop Pike, a biography of the controversial Episcopal bishop.

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ARMAGH, North Ireland -- Archbishop George Otto Simms of Armagh, Anglican Primate of All Ireland, has announced his retirement. He became Archbishop of Armagh, the primatial see of the Church of Ireland, in 1969. During his tenure he has had to face the troubled situation in Northern Ireland. He has been outspoken in his condemnation of the violence that has gripped the British province.

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DALLAS -- At least two Episcopalians will be among the speakers at the fifth National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations which will be held here April 28 to May 1. Mrs. Cynthia Wedel of the Episcopal-Jewish Advisory Committee and the Rev. William L. Weiler, Associate Ecumenical Officer for Washington Affairs of the Episcopal Church Center, will address the workshop. Considered the major event of the year in Jewish-Christian dialogue, the meeting brings together leaders in the field with others interested in promoting interfaith understanding on the local and national levels. The workshop is sponsored by the Office of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches, the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Committee on Interreligious Affairs of the Synagogue Council of America.

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LANCASTER, Pa. -- Miss Elizabeth Falck, a retired missionary of the Episcopal Church, died here in January and her funeral service was held at St. John's Church. Born in 1894 in Tyrone, Pa., she was appointed a missionary in 1921 to the District of Shanghai to work at St. Luke's Hospital as a nurse. Later she worked as a nurse at Union Hospital in Chengtu and taught in the English department of St. John's University, Shanghai. From 1951 until her return to the U.S. in 1959, she taught at St. Paul's University in Tokyo. She had made her retirement home in Lancaster since 1959.

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AUSTIN, Texas -- The Rev. Robert C. Harvey, rector of St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Charleston, S.C., and former rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Bergenfield, N.J., was elected first bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest at the diocesan synod, held here Jan. 25-26. One of five candidates for the position, he was elected on the first ballot. Election required a two-thirds vote of both the lay delegates and the clergy delegates to the synod. No date has been set for his consecration, but it is expected to be held within two months of his election. The Diocese of the Southwest is one of six dioceses of the Anglican Catholic Church, which developed from a split in the Episcopal Church after its 1976 decision to permit women in the priesthood and to adopt a revised Book of Common Prayer.

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